# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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UNDP ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL TOURISM
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has offered any assistance for promoting rural tourism in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where said assistance have been utilised?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development in rural sites having core-competency in art, craft, culture, handloom/textiles etc. under the Scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits. Community participation and capacity building including skill upgradation in such 36 Rural Tourism Sites were initially supported through Government of India-United Nations Development Programme Endogenous Rural Tourism Project. The details of this assistance are as at Annexure.